

REMARKS

Claims 10, 16, 18 and 22 are pending. Claims 1-9, 11-15, 19-21 and 23-29 have been canceled without prejudice to filing the subject matter of these claims in a Continuation or Divisional Application.

No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

[I] Issues under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103

The following rejections are pending:

A) Claims 4, 6-8, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (US 5,674,897);

B) Claims 4, 6-8, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim; and

C) Claims 25-29 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim.

Applicants respectfully traverse Rejection A, Rejection B and Rejection C.

In view of the cancellation of claims 4, 6-8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19-21 and 25-29, both Rejection A, Rejection B and Rejection C are rendered *moot*.

[II] Allowed Claims

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 16, 18 and 22 are allowed.

Conclusion

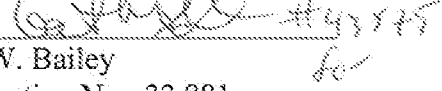
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq., Reg. No. 43,575 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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